

**Guide to the Administrative Files of the
Joint Commission on Church Union
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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain an administrative history of the agency which gives summary information about the agency's history and development; followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

History Note

The Commission on Church Union was established in 1948 by The Methodist Church. Its purpose was to investigate overtures and proposals of union or merger with various other denominations. In 1960 it reported to the General Conference that "... the time had come to move forward with a drafting of a plan for organic union.' The Joint Commission worked on the Plan of Union. There was a report made at the 1964 General Conference, but the final vote and other matters were referred to the 1966 special session of the General Conference, where it was accepted.

Scope Note

Contains material relating to the plan of union of the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist churches; committee reports, drafts, plans of church union, newsletters.

Access Restrictions

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Subject Terms



Subject Names - Corporate

Evangelical United Brethren Church
Methodist Church (U.S.)

Subject Topics

Christian union
Church polity
Church polity and Christian union.

Functions

Study commissions.

Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1335-3-3:1	Minutes: Joint Executive Committee	1966-1968
1335-3-3:2	Minutes: Joint Commission	1966-1967
1335-3-3:3	Minutes: Sub Committee on Theological Schools, Committee on Board of Education, January 8,	1965
1335-3-3:4	Minutes: Sub Committee on Fiscal Year, Budget and Financial Problems, August 29,	1967
1335-3-3:5	Minutes: Joint Publishing Committee	1967
1335-3-3:6	Minutes: Committee on Hospitals and Homes, February 19- 20,	1965
1335-3-3:7	Committee on Administrative Agencies	1965
1335-3-3:8	Committee on Temporal Economy	1964-1965
1335-3-3:9	Committee on Suggestions	1965
1335-3-3:10	Committee on Missions	1964-1965
1335-3-3:11	Report: Administrative Order	1965-1967
1335-3-3:12	Report: Committee Three - The Local Church, September 8- 11,	1965
1335-3-3:13	Report: Committee Four - The Ministry, June 30,	1965
1335-3-3:14	Report: Committee Six - Judicial Administration, September 1,	1965
1335-3-3:15	Report: Committee Eight - Administrative Councils, March 23- 24,	1965
1335-3-3:16	Report: Committee Nine - Publishing Houses, September 8- 11,	1965
1335-3-3:17	Report: Committee Eleven - Board of Education, July 15,	1965
1335-3-3:18	Report: Committee Thirteen - Board of the Laity, September 29,	1965
1335-3-3:19	Report: Committee Fourteen - Christian Social Concerns, September 8-11,	1965
1335-3-3:20	Paper: "The New Structure" (adopted by the Evangelical United Brethren Church)	1962
1335-3-3:21	Meeting: Conversations on Theological Issues in Church Union, Mattoon, IL, May 3-4,	1965
1335-3-3:22	Church Union Legislation, General Conference	1966
1335-3-3:23	News Releases	1964-1966
1335-3-4:1	Published Documents Related to Church Union	1964-1968
1335-3-4:2	The Plan of Union: Report to the General Conferences of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church	1966
1335-3-4:3	The Plan of Union: The United Methodist Church, Adopted by the General Conferences and the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church	1966-1967